

State Of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

On February 4, 1983, a faulty electric space heater began a fire that in mere minutes turned Jason and Matthew Anderson's basement bedroom into an inferno. The smoke and flames that crept across his brother's bed awakened Jason to the danger. He saw that his brother was wrapped in flames and quickly grabbed a blanket and attempted to smother the fire. Jason then ran upstairs to awaken his parents and turn in the alarm. Their father, Stuart, went to the basement and carried Matthew outside. Jason, meanwhile, rescued the one-year-old baby and once again, went back into the house looking for Matthew.

He did not leave the house until another rescuer, Officer James Collingwood, sent him out.

It is no small act to save a life. Each step of the way the need for confidence, combined with ability, can turn aside the best of people. Jason was not turned aside by a moment of panic or by a split second of hesitation. He did what needed to be done. Clearly, then, it was Jason's quick action, knowledge and courage that saved Matthew's life and give all South Dakotans cause to commemorate his act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

JASON ANDERSON

and I join Jason's family and friends in saluting him for again showing us the selfless courage of our young people.



ATTEST:

Alice Kundert
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

BY *Jay D. Vogt*
JAY D. VOGT, DEPUTY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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